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Letter dated 13 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter from Rangin Dadfar Spanta, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, to the Secretary-General.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the enclosed letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Zahir **Tanin**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 13 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

5 August 2007

On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan I have the honour to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the role played by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), authorized under Security Council resolution 1386 (2001) of 20 December 2001 and subsequent resolutions, for the wider contribution that the United Nations is making towards security and stability in Afghanistan.

The International Security Assistance Force led by NATO since August 2003 has been crucial in improving security initially in Kabul, and through its programme of phased expansion in the north, west, south and east of the country, which is very important, has played a key role.

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan welcomes the proposal that ISAF should continue to operate in Afghanistan until the security forces are fully able to provide security to our nation. The Government of Afghanistan is grateful to all those nations contributing resources to ISAF and to those nations that have assumed a leadership role.

I hope the Security Council will continue to reflect in its resolutions the paramount importance of fulfilling the ISAF mandate.

(*Signed*) Dr. Rangin Dadfar **Spanta**
Minister for Foreign Affairs